Hetels Acrange for Throngs

of New Year's Celebrants.

Old Cistoms Will Be Carried

Out by Midnight Parties.

NUMBER 313.

DARING ROBBELS SECURE \$115,000

Paducah Man Thought to Have Been Shot Turns Up With Clean Record—Theory Held Y. M. C. A. Holdup Slain.

The mystery of the identity of the lite highwayman who was shot and ided Monday night while trying to hold and rob a negro grocery store, still a unsolved. The latest police lead that omised to identify the dead man as mess C. Alford, of Paducah, Ky., exolded Tuesday night, when Alford was und to be very much alive in his home pr., with his reputation still unsolled a criminal record which fate and counstances seemed determined to sten on him Tuesday.

One man actually identified the body sid at Thompson Bros. undertaking riors as that of Alford. On top of this entification came a letter addressed to flored at the boarding house at 1481, buth Lauderdale street. This seemed make the "evidence" conclusive, and lice were certain that they had idented the dead man as Alford, until that dividus smashed their theory by re-

TWO NEW POSTAL STATIONS ORDERED

Two substations will be opened by the postoffice department in Memphis during the present week and one station will be closed according to an anabunement made Wednesday by H. C. Meifellar, assistant postmaster.

Station: No. 1. to be located at the Auditorium Pharmacy, at Main street and Poplar avends, will be opened on Friday with Enhraim Feidman in charge. Tals station will sell stamps, issue money orders and accept parcel gost packages.

Station F. located at 245 McLemore avenue, will be reopened on Jan. 3, with Harvey P. Rice as clerk in charge. This station was closed on Dec. 1, owing to the resignation of the clerk in charge.

Station No. 18, located at 177 Beale avenue, will be closed, the announcement concludes.

GALLI-CURCI SALE OF

of H. Markham, of Chicago, preside of the Illinois Central railread syste-has absented an invitation to make principal address at the annual co-vention of the Southern Hardwood Tr. fic association at the Chisca hotel, pas 30. Information to this effect, given out Wednesday morning by it is railroad officials and J. H. Tq. thread secretary-manager of the tric association.

Many important matters having up ith tumber transportation wilbe-cought up at the annual conven-

HE WEATHE

24 hours to noon, Dec. 31:

Tannessee—Partiy cloudy, in cold-Taursday. Mississippi-Partly cloud much

Arknessas—Cloudy, probablain in cast, much colder; cold wave-sperature below freezing in north central freezing in south.

Althoma—Partly cloudy, mucold-freezing Thursday night.

Restucky—Cloudy and colder. bna-Cloudy, colder librth tahoma—Prebabiy fair. co'with wave; temperature 10 20 in 10, 16 to 28 in south. t Texas-Cloudy, cold-reezing

toold wave in north perature h and South Carol Florida-warmer. -Unsettled, fod by fair, ider; cold wave ortheast.

BANK CLEARINGS GO

Memphis bank clearings for the year 1919 showed an increase of nearly 53 per cent over 1918. The amount announced by John D. McDowell. manager of the Memphis Clearing House association, was \$1,128,410. 295.71, which compares with \$738,478,607.58. Clearings for 1917 were \$621.083,519.56, and in 1916 they were \$469.576,799.57.

The increase is partially accounted for by the enhancement of les in practically every line, although the development of the city and contiguous territory shares therein, for the past year has brought unparalleled prosperity to this section.

ures on debits, which will be available later, will give a more The figures for December clearings showed an increase of \$50,000,000, being \$1:7.817.775.61, compared with \$96.473,319.23

CUMBERLAND TAKES

ord, and did not make a practice of fun fobs.

After dapplied for a position as night tehman at the Memphis Terminal poration last Saturday. He made application and was accepted by W. Clark, who identified the bedy Mford later, recommended the South derdale street boarding house, and when there, ate one meal, wrote itter to his wife in Paducah, giving the address of the boarding house he had decided to stop, hen Alford, after malling the letter need in smind about working in nphis, and returned to Paducah. But in the letter arrived it furnished poan apparently combited identificance needing only Alford's previous his-in Paducah.

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AND MAKE ESCAPE

WIFE OF LENINE'S OFFLIAL IS ARRESTED

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BUFFAO, N. Y. Dec. 21.—Dr. Anna member wife of Boris Relinstein, a and said for Lecther-Toreity capital and said for Lecther-Toreity capital and said for Lecther-Toreity capital in foreign countries under direction of the Lenke Legislative investigating commile. After being questioned by District Alterney Moore she was taken to library and the particular to the Lunk Legislative investigating commile. After being questioned by District Alterney Moore she was taken to library and the particular to the Lunk Legislative investigating commile. After being questioned by District Alterney Moore she was taken to library and the particular to the Lunk Legislative investigating to the Lunk Legislative investigating to the Leoned Wood teday filed a formal annaly annaly type. "Unfermented." Assisting details will be Arnold Marchey, for many least the Leoned Wood teday filed a formal annaly annaly type. "Unfermented." Assisting details will be Arnold Marchey, for many least the Leoned Wood teday filed a formal annaly annaly type. "Unfermented." Assisting details will be Arnold Marchey, for many least the Leoned Wood teday filed a formal annaly annaly type. "Unfermented." Assisting details will be Arnold Marchey, for many least the Leoned Wood teday filed a formal annaly annaly type. "Unfermented." Assisting details will be Arnold Marchey, for many least the Leoned Wood teday filed a formal annaly annaly type. "Unfermented." Assisting details will be Arnold Marchey, for many least the Leoned Wood teday filed a formal annaly annaly type. "Unfermented." Assisting details will be Arnold Marchey, for many least the Leoned Wood teday filed a formal annaly annaly type. "Unfermented." Assisting details will be Arnold Marchey, for many least the Leoned Wood teday filed a formal annaly annaly type. "Unfermented annaly annaly type." "Unfermented a TICKETS UNADA.

Although kecent announcement was made by Angelo and Joseph Cortesse that postponement of the Galli-Curet concert originally scheduled for the Lyric cheater Jan. 5 was necessary. Science salar for this celebrated singer's performance continue unabated. The mate now set is April 8. The Cortesse whether announced refund plans but Wednesday declared that no return had been made. Galli Curet was unable to visit Memphis next. Monday because of her necessary attendance at the settlement of legal difficulties in Chloage. The cortes of the Laon's club. The election will green the legal difficulties in Chloage. The Cortes of the Laon's club. The election will green. M. Eugene Clark, secretary and Chancellor Peres, John R. Kinnie, Walter D. Wills, Granville Fleece, W. B. Cleveland and John E. Lippitt, directors.

Activities of the Laon's club during a received extensive comment by Peres in a farewell addresse mentioned Christment of the cortes of the Laon's club during a received extensive comment by Peres in a farewell addresse mentioned Christment of the cortes of the Laon's club during a received extensive comment by Peres in a farewell addresse mentioned Christment of the cortes of the Laon's club during a received extensive comment by Peres in a farewell addresse mentioned Christment of the cortes of the Laon's club during a received extensive comment by Peres in a farewell addresse mentioned Christment of the cortes of the Laon's club during a received extensive comment by the cortes of the Laon's club during the cortes of the Laon's club during a received extensive comment by the cortes of the Laon's club during the cortes of the cortes of the cortes of the Laon's club during the cortes of the cortes of the cortes of the cortes of the cortes of

T. D. Coker, a merchant whose place of business is located at Little Memphis, near Covington. Tenn., filed a voluntary petition in bankruptev in the United States district court Wednesday morning. His liabilities were list-cd at \$8,223.04 and his assets at \$13,400, of which amount \$3,000 is in real estate. \$5,000 in stock and \$3,500 due on open accounts. The sum of \$1,400 oi his assets are claimed as exempt. The petition was referred to the referee in petition was referred to the referee in bankruptcy for adjudification.

DECEMBER BANNER

The month of December was a ban-ner month for building, according to figures in the office of Dan C. Newton, building inspector. The total valuation of building as reflected through per-mits for December, 1919, was \$1,003,750, while the value in the corresponding month last year was only \$28,035. An increase of nearly a million dollars is shown.

BUILDING MONTH

WILL BE CITIZEN.

Maurice Miller, a tailor residing at Ripley, Tenn. Wednesday morning declared his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States by filing a declaration with the clerk of the United States district court. Miller is a native of Warsaw, Poland, and emigrated to the United States from London, England, in May, 1907. He renounced allegiance to the government of Poland.

FEDERAL CENSUS TO START ON FRIDAY Men charged with making the decennial federal census in Mcmphis. decennial federal census in Memphis, who will set to work promptly Friday morning, have asked the Chamber of Commerce to call on the Memphis public to co-operate with them in their er deavors. They ask that residents answer the ring of the census takers promptly and furnish them the information they require as promptly as possible. The census is being taken merely for statistical purposes and not for the compilation of a directory.

Commissioners-Elect (re Also Sworn in-Will Se Hosts at Reception Tursday in Council Chamber

Miss Jeanette Adler and her girl sextet, along with Burl Grant and Pauline Clark, will offer specialties in the way of jazz orchestrations of popular music, bhilads, blackface comedy and rendition of patriotic airs. Mr. Grant will lead in singing in which diners will join. The customary sounding of a gong at midlinght will pracede the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner," and other national airs. National Security League POLICEMEN SEEK Goes on Record for Proper Salary.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31—8he National Security league places itself emphatically on record in advocacy of increased compensation for teachers generally, in announcing action by its committee on management toward securing relief for underpaid teachers in all parts of the country.

underpaid teachers in all parts of the country.

At a meeting of the league's committee on management a resolution was passed requesting the league's national executive committee to authorize such steps as may be necessary to make the force of the league selt in this direction.

This constructive effort on the part of the league self in line with its "square deal" program. In explanation of the definite application of the league's "square deal" platform in this malter. Charles D. Orth, secretary of the Security league, said.

"The connection of the National Security league with this question is not a new one. As far back as September, 1918, Arthur S. Semers, the then president of the board of education of New York city, made a strong plea for proper compensation for teachers at a league meeting in Carnegie hall. er compensation for teachers at a league meeting in Carnegie hall.

"There can be no question that teachers everywhere are scandalously undermid. The National Security league believes in the 'square deal,' which is the first in itself an all-sufficient reason why teachers should be uronerly paid. If, however, it is necessary to appeal to the selfish instincts of the people to do a just and proper thing, it would be well to bear in mind that any abuse such as the persistent underpaying of teachers, or any other class in the community, constitutes grave economic danger."

ELEVENTH ALCOHOLIC VICTIM TO BE BURIED

The body of J. J. Slocumb, who died uceday from Grinking antiseptic and lixir, was sent to Hernando, Miss., or burial Wednesday morning by J. Collins, undertaker. Slocumb was refor burial Wednesday morning by J. Collins, undertaker. Stoeumb was removed from the Pasadera Flats, 21stourn avenue, Tuesday morning, in aumonascious condition. He died an hour later at the General hospital. His is the seventh death from prohibition alcoholic concections since Dec. 12.

Other victims of the prohibition trinks are: are:
Mrs. Bertha Randle, 80 Vance avenue:
Ben Cargill, 127 South Wellington, J. W.
Epps. 127 South Wellington, all white,
and Robert Smith, Vardy Page and
Earl Wilson, negroes.

POSTAL EMPLOYES GIVEN HOLIDAY

No delivery of mail will be made. Thursday by the Memphis postoffice, the cierks and carriers being given a holiday. The parcel post and general delivery windows will be open at the main postoffice until 10 o'clock and will then close for the remainder of the day. CHARGES AGAINST LOFTUS day.
All of the percei post and letter mail resulting from the Christmas rush has been cleaned up and C. W. Metcalf, Jr., postmaster, decided that the men deserved a holiday on New Year's day as a reward for their work during the Christmas period. WILKES TO BE DROPPED

GIVE FUNDS FOR HOUSING.

Loftus Wilkes, cited for contempt of court for failure to pay alimony to his wife on order of Judge Pittman, will not have to appear on this citation. Judge Pittman agreeing to let him off. Wilkes after he was cited for contempt returned to the city and paid \$150, the amount of the alimony, but failed to explain t othe judge about his absence. His explanation cleared up things. Wilkes' wife procured a divorce from him sometime ago, together with alimony at the rate of \$150 a month, possession of their home and custody of their children. GIVE FUNDS FOR HOUSING.

PARIS, Dec. 31—A measure authorizing the purchase of a building in Bering the purchase of a building in Bering the execution of the peace lecate was adopted by the enamber of deputies today. As the first installment for the wast to get a commission for acthe purpose the sum of 1,000,000 frances.

Two slick city niggers robbed S. Dorsey, negro farmer, Shaw, Miss., of 1745, be told police Wednesday. Dorsey said the slickers had some bills of big delication, and asked for the use of his bankroll in order to make change, they have been sum of 1,000,000 frances.

Here's How Wise Ones Figure Out Police Lineup

Mile Kenor to he retained in J. O'Hearn to lose his captained.

Serat. Will Lee of Barksdale station, get O'Hearn's Job.
Patrolman W. R. Harn to he appointserreamt. vice Less.

Serats. Bob. Crosses, Joe Hendricks and "Cracke" Hough to lose their gold according.

John J. Lanigan, Jra. Folland and E. Kunter etc., Jarmer of colonen, to he argennie vice Crosby. Hendricks and Hough.

Enforcement of Liquor Laws Now in Hands of Revenue Department

sumes responsibility for enturement of the liquor laws, the activities of the marshal in the future being confined to the service of processes issued by the lederal court and commissioners.

NEW LINES OF WORK

Three members of the police department have resigned in the last two days. The first in was T Ed Clarke, auto detective, who quit to go hack to a Job with 784 Taxi company as assistant manager. E. M. Kinney and B. O. Bowers, auto speed officers, quit Wednesday morning. Kinney is part owner of a hotel—the Victor, 72 Beale—and will, it is understood, devote his time to the conduct of this business. Bowers will open a barber shop and pressing parlor at 244 South Main street and Wednesday he invited the cops to come down and have their faces scraped for the trip on "The Valley," which some of them seem slated to take when the new administration goes into office Thursday.

DREADS AIR RAIDS

LONDON, Dec. 31. (By Reciprocal News.)—An echo of the alarm about Germany's reviving militarism is going around among the population of East London who suffered the most severely

GARAGE AND PAIR OF AUTOS BURNED

Two automobiles and a garage were consumed by flames, and P. A. Walker, 720 Lucy avenue, was slightly burned, when gasoline from a leaky gas tank exploded in the Walker garage Tuesday. Damage was estimated at \$3,000 by the fire department.

SAFE BLOWERS GET BIG LOOT FROM CHICAGO FIRM CHICAGO, Dec. 31. Four safe blowers blew the locks off two vaults in the factory of the Gold Furniture company early today and escaped with cash and valuables worth between \$15,000 and

AIR SQUADRON JOINS BRITISH ARMY DRIVE

CAIRO, Dec. 31.—An aero squadror is joining in a punitive expedition against Dinka tribesmen who attacked a British column in the Upper Nile region early this month. CARRANZA WINS OUT.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 31.—The spirited fight between congress and the executive department relative to buil fighting in the federal district ended today with a victory for President Carranza, Government adherents absented themselves from the senate and thus prevented a vote on the bill which would permit the conducting of fights.

ROB NEGRO FARMER.

Strong Alibi Is Claimed by Mrs. Vester, Police Chief Says After Talking to Her. Two Others Implicated.

MOUNT CLEMENS Mich. Dec. 2) seil learnice Vester was surrender of the authorities here shortly before clock this morning and placed in 19 thing fail, on a charge of murder. Stanley Brown, wealthy Detroit me he had already been questioned liter of Police Allan Straight, it 1 counce known, previous to her forestreet.

PLANS; ADJOURNS

Paves Way for Starting Its Public Hearings on January 12.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2!—After preparing the way for beginning its investigation into the bituninous confrindustry, the president's commission to-day adjourned its session. Reenterandt Peale, representing the operators, and John F. White, representing the miners, left for their homes to spend the holidays, but Henry M. Holimson, representing the public, remained to guide the preliminary work.

The staff of assistants already has begun assembling statistical data for use in the inquiry, but puone hearings will not begin until Jan. 12.

Tentatively the commission has decided not to assemble its facts by the process of calling coal miners and coal operators in person to testify at hearings, and it also has decided not to visit the principal coal mining centers. Instead, it will send out formal inquiries to representative coal mining concerns in all of the various districts of the United States asking for cost sheets covering operations in 1919. These will be analyzed with the assistance of the federal trade commission and other governmental bodies and miting cingraers. When this data has all been assembled the representatives of the rings and of the operators in each field will be called in to present their arguments in open hearing. The central competitive district will be the first field so dealt with, but the other fields over the country will be dealt with in like manner so that the commission's decision will be made in the light of a national rather than a sectional study of the facts.

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Commissioners Peale and White will return immediately after New Years to continue their handling of the details with Mr. Robinson.

DOUBLE COLLISION
BRINGS THREE SUITS

Three damage suits were filed against the Memphis Street Railway company late Tuesday growing out of a double collision. The plaintiffs in the action are Fred Miller and Joe Mendelman, said to have been burt by the street car, and Raphael Mendelman, father of Joe Mendelman. The accident is said to have baken place on Dec. 23 at Vance avenue and Turley street.

Miller, operating automobile for the 638 Tire company, and young Mendelman, riding a bicycle, narrowly averted a collision at Vance avenue and Turley street. Miller swerved his car so quickly, it is said, that it overturned on the street car track, catching him beneath the car. The boy also turned his bicycle quickly and was thrown and hurt. When a passing automobile was stopped and the driver sought to remove the victims from the street car track, nathoring him beneath the car. The boy also turned his bicycle quickly and was thrown and hurt. When a passing automobile was stopped and the driver sought to remove the victims from the street car track, an approaching trolley car struck in reaction the reaction of the reaction of the reaction of the reaction of the car. The boy also turned his bicycle quickly and was thrown and hurt. When a passing automobile was stopped and the driver sought to remove the victims from the street car track, an approaching trolley car struck in reaction of the car. The boy also turned his bicycle quickly and was thrown and hurt. When a passing automobile was stopped and the driver sought to remove the victims from the street car track, an approaching trolley as truck the reaction of the reaction of

BANDITS LINE UP 11 PERSONS ALONG WALL; LOOT VALL

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 31 .- The Farmers and tional bank of Benson, a surburb of this city, w daring holdup shortly before noon today when for bers secured a total of \$115,000 from the vault and made their escape despite the fact that the time of the robbery si

Attorney Maintains His Action in Elardo Case and Other Litigation Was in Conformity With Proper Conduct.

Says Fee Rightful.

Goin says he got the negroes released on writs of habeas corpus, but the police refused to honor an order for the money and jewels which they held He denies that he procured their release for the purpose of aiding them in excaping extradition to Arkansus, or to prevent the recovery of the money or lewelry taken from them.

Coin says he last fenson to believe the three men were being held and prosecuted in pursuance to a complyacy between Waidel, the man alleged to have been "Eximed" and the Arkansus officers, and that the xere attempting to have the importance of Arkansus of ficers, and that the were attempting to have the importance of Arkansus of face clarge for the purpose of robbing them.

Cohn declares that he believes the men had the right to be released and they had a right to the property taken from them, and be (tohn) has a right to the fee which the men paid him.

Money Is Recovered

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Upon refursal of the police to give up the men's money, Cohn says, he helity a criminal lawyer, procured the services of a civil lawyer to aid him, and through this lawyer went into the chancer, court on a writ of replexin. It was untrue, as charged, that he did not intend to return to the negroes any surplus of this money over the fee and the jewels. Cohn declares.

After their release, and while the Arkanssa authorities were seeking to get the requisition papers for the return of the men to Hot Springs, they did not fiee, but remained in Memphis, recondent avers. Waddell, the alleged victim, sued for the property and was admitted as an intervening defendant in the replevin suit. Cohn says all of the parties in the soft were roying, gambling accords.

New Year's day is one of the most important feast days of the Roman Catholic church and all Catholics are required to attend mass.

At St. Mary's church, low mass will be said at 5, 7 and 8 a.m., and high mass will be song at 8 o'clock, followed by a sermon appropriate to the feast day.

PITCHED BATTLE FOLLOWS HOLDUP IN OIL TOWN

Door of New York

IN CHICOPEE PRISON

CHICOPPEE, Mass., Dec. 21—Two Hartford truck drivers. Sum Darling and Max Saupders blloged carriers of rome of the wood alcohor nixture which has crused the death of \$7 men and women in this vicitity since Christmas, were under arrest today, bringing the

PROBE DEATHS OF FOUR; BLAME POISON BOOZE

PHILADELPHIA, free 31.—Local and thorrifes today were investigating the deaths of three women and a man believed to have been victims of wood their bodies were found inc.

PAIR ACCUSED OF ALCOHOL ROBBERIES

Charges of larceny and violating the four law were preferred by Detective Brunner, and Heekle Tuesday night against Philip P. Herfein, white, is, and John R. Leatherman, Jr. negro, 16. The officers claims the pair had carried on a systematic series of alcohol roblems from the Heesig-Ellis Drug company lost about 56 quarts, on the heesig the pair had carried on a systematic series of alcohol roblems from the Heesig-Ellis Drug company lost about 56 quarts, the finite-grain alcohol—the officers state. Heriem was arrested Tuesday afternoon as he finished work and Leatherman 1228 located and arrested early Wednesday morning.

DR. AXSON RESIGNS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Dr. Stock-ton Asson, who was loaned by the Rice institute, of Houston, Tex., to the American Red Cross to act as national secretary during the war, has resigned from that office and will return to his educational work in Houston early in the new year.

STOVALL AT NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Pleasant A. trovall, United States minister to Switz-tory on the eriand, arrived here today on it steamship Nieuw Amsterdam from Re-terdam, Hologne and 115 mouth. F-was accompanied by his wife.

NEW DELAY THREATENS RATIFICATION OF PEACE

DR. CURRY TO PREACH
NEW YEAR'S SERMON

The Rev A. R. Curry, D.D. pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, will deliver the New Year's sermon Wednesses, which it is thought by some persons of the two churches for a watch-night service.

A song service will open the meeting, after which the sucrament of the Lord's Suppers will be administered by the Rev. J. J. Thomas, paster of the Union Avenue Methodist church, assisted by the Rev. J. J. Thomas, paster of the Union Avenue Methodist church, assisted by the Suppers will be administered by the Rev. J. J. Thomas, paster of the Union Avenue Methodist church, assisted by the Suppers will be administered by the Rev. Special arrangements have been made for street car accommodations after the service code the exchange ratifications.

PARIS, Dec. 31—Although the supported to as the protocol and exchanging ratifications after the rectory fixed Jan. 6 as the changing ratifications are developed the German peace treaty, it is in the claim of the council was also called to the fact that there are 80,000 German preme council today fixed Jan. 6 as the changing ratifications are developed the postpone persons in Upper Silesia, where a pleblas theory is the such as as the changing ratifications of the German peace treaty. It is the changing ratifications are developed the postpone persons in temper toops in Upper Silesia, where a pleblas theory is the service as the forman peace treaty. It is now in the changing ratifications are developed the postpone persons in Upper Silesia, where a pleblas theory is the ferman preme council ctrcles may again cause the claiming the treaty into effect.

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